



# SAINT LAZARUS<sup>®</sup>

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## Prayers for use during this time of international concern

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### A prayer from the Ecclesiastical Grand Prior, + *Michele Pennisi*

Father of infinite mercy, lover of life, in the uncertainty of this time, full of darkness, and in this moment of concern and anguish for the spread of the virus in many countries of the world, we turn to you with the trust of your children. Never before have we felt so clearly that we belong to a single human family, despite the fear of contagion affecting our social relationships, and the pursuit of individual interest at the expense of the common good.

### 2 prayers for others



We live in the presence of God our Father.

We bring into his presence, in the name of the Lord Jesus, those for whom we pray.

Our prayer for them and for ourselves is that we may come to know his love more surely, to trust him more deeply, and to realise the presence of the Holy Spirit within us all, ever at work healing, strengthening and guiding us in all our ways. Amen

*(Guild of Health)*

O God of love and power, we come to you for those who are ill in body or mind, and for those who are cast down and sad.

Tell them in the midst of all their pain and anxiety that your name is Love; and since you ordained that your own will needs our cooperation, use these our prayers.

Turn our caring into their courage, our solicitude into their succour, our faith into their will to get well; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Revd. Dr. Leslie Weatherhead)*

### A prayer for ourselves

Gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you; through the power and the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*(St Benedict)*

